



¶ By the King.

A Proclamation for suppressing of light Golde.



Hereas by Our Proclamation dated the one and thirtieth day of July last, wee did expresse Our princely care and earnest desire to reduce Our Gold Coine to one equall price and value, and to forbear the stamping of any more of those vnequall Coynes, which were found not to be so blefull for Our Subiects; with this provision nevertheless, That such as then were already coyned should continue of the same value they then were, allowing certaine remedies and abatements vpon every piece greater or lesser respectiue, which Remedies, if any piece of the said Gold Coynes then already coyned, should be found to exceed, wee gave free libertie to all and every Our louing Subiectes, to refuse the same in payment at their will and pleasure, thereby to take away (as much as possible might be) all opportunitie and encouragement from offenders, to clip, wash, and diminish the said Coynes, which then were, and now are generally much fallen by such vnlawfull and wicked practises from their first true value and goodnesse: All which Our Royall care and provision notwithstanding, tending so much to the weale of Our people, we finde the same to be so greatly neglected, as in stead of making vse of that liberty, which was then giuen them of refusing such light Gold moneys aforesmentioned, as were without the remedies allowed by Our said Proclamation, they doe now for the most part accept in payments indifferently and promiscuously all such Coynes whatsoever, tendred vnto them, without weighing or examining the true value and goodnesse thereof, as were fit, and as they ought to doe: which strange negligence we in Our princely wisdom and prouidence considering, and observing that neither the regard of their own manifest losse and detriment, which they sustaine by such impaired and diminished Coynes, nor Our earnest desire to haue them more carefull, (not obscurely intimated also in Our said Proclamation) can any thing preuaile to haue so foule an abuse redressed, as with care and diligence it might easily be. we therfore not yet giuing ouer the care and welfare of Our louing Subiects, euen in their particular interests, but withall, entring into a more serious consideration how far this great abuse may concerne the state of Our Realme in generall, by the continuall waste and consumption of all the Currant Money within Our Realme, if some stricter course be not taken to preuent the mischief, are now constrained in regard of Our Subiects long negligence of their own commodity, in lieu of that which Our former Proclamation left in a maner to liberty and choice, to lay vpon Our Subiects a Charge and Commandement, to accept and refuse payment of the said light Coynes in certeine cases, and vpon certeine conditions, but with that moderation & respect, as shall by a very small present damage preuent all mischiefes that can hereafter fall vpon them in this case: And therfore do here,

by straitly charge and forbid vpon paine of contempt and incurring of Our high displeasure, That no manner of person or persons within this Our Realme of England, from and after Wholsomer next comming in any County of Our Realme doe presume to take or receiue, or deliuer in payment any piece of Our Gold Coyne currant within this Realme, and formerly by Us aduanced at the rates aforesayd, being clipped, washed or by any other means vnlawfully diminished, or lacking of the iust weight thereof, otherwise then according to the Rates hereafter senerally expresse, and with the allowance of the remedies set downe in Our former Proclamation, That is to say,

In euery piece of golde currant for	33. shillings,	The remedie shall not exceede	4. graines and a halfe.
	22. shillings,		3. graines.
	16. shillings 6. pence,		2. graines and a halfe.
	11. shillings,		2. graines.
	5. shillings 6. pence,		1. graine.
	2. shillings 9. pence,		Halfe a graine.


All which remedies shall be allowed in euery piece accordingly, and no deduction or abatement to bee made for the same, but to passe as if it were of full weight and iust valew. But if any such piece of Coyne, lacking of his true weight aboue the said remedies before expresse, shall from & after Wholsomer next comming be offered in payment by any person or persons within this Our Realme, Our will and pleasure then is, that for so many graines more or lesse, as the piece shall be lighter then the remedie, so as aforesaid allowed, euery person or persons, that so offereth the same in payment, shall also at the same time pay and allow, after the rate of two pence the graine to him that receiueth it, for euery graine wanting aboue the remedies respectiue-ly; And euery person or persons, to whom the same is offered to be payde with those allowan-ces, shall accept the same in payment as if the same were full and iust weight, any thing contained in Our former Proclamation to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided alwayes, that if any such piece of Gold, so offered in payment after the time aforesaid, shall want aboue the number of so many more graines then are allowed for the remedies respectiue, as if the piece of twentie and two shillings shall want more then three graines aboue the remedie allowed, or the piece of eleuen shillings more then two graines aboue the remedie, & so of all the rest respectiue; Then Our Royall will and pleasure is, that in all payments betweene partie and partie, the same shall not onely be refused without all redemption, but that euery person and persons to whom such tender of payments shal be made, shal brand the same, by striking a hole, at his and their pleasure, in euery of the said pieces so offered in payment, as likewise of any other piece that shall be found soldered or vnlawfully imbased: rendring those pieces so stricken thoroow, then presently after-wards to the Owners thereof againe according as was ordered by a Proclamation made by Our Deare Sister the late Queene Elizabeth in the nine & twentieth yere of her Reigne vpon the like occasion. Provided also, and we doe hereby declare Our intention and expresse pleasure to be, that if any of Our louing Subiects shall hereafter bring any Golde to be coyned at Our Mint, he and they shall haue a iust & full returne thereof, without diminution, by weight, or by number, at the election of him, that shall receiue the same according to Our former Proclamation, dated the one & thirtieth day of July last, deducting for the coynage; Assuring our Selve, that since we haue here- by given so large and sufficient a time for Our good Subiects to disabuse themselves by ridding their hands of those light pieces of Golde which deceiue and endamage the whole Kingdome, they will betwixt the Date of this Proclamation and Wholsomer so provide, by timely sending in of that Coyne into Our Mint, as may best stand with their indemnitie, lest that the glut of ma-

king all that light Coyne to bee Bullion after the sayd time, may not onely prove hurtfull, but in a manner vnpossible vnto them, since wee are resolved (for the tender care we haue of our Subjects good) that this our Proclamation shalbe put to a reall and full execution.

And whereas by our said former Proclamation, we were pleased to notifie vnto all our loving Subjects how careful we were (after the example likewise of our said deare Sister, the late Queene in the said nine and twentieth yeare of her Raigne) to giue order to the Master of our Mint, for preparing a sufficient number of iust waights and ballances, with true and vpright graines and halfe graines, for the remedies and abatements aforesaid, to haue them in a readinesse before the first of September last past, to be deliuered at reasonable prices, to be rated by our Commissioners for our Treasury, or Treasurer of England, for the time being, to all such our Subjects as should require the same, with expresse commandement, that the chiefe Officers in all our Cities, Borroughes, and Townes Corporate of this our Realme of England, and Principallitie of Wales, should before the last day of September last past, provide to haue one paire of the said waights sufficient, at the hands of the said Master of our Mint, within euery such City, Borrough, and Towne corporate, well and safely to be kept, for tryall of the waight of the saide Coynes, as occasion shalbe: which neuer thelesse, we vnderstand is neglected, and though the said Master of our Mint, hath performed that which belonged to his dutie and office, in making preparation according as we intoynd him, and that the said waights and ballances are reasonably rated by our Commissioners for the Treasury, yet hath not any or very few, repaired vnto him for such ballances and waights, By meanes whereof, all our endeuour and Princely care for the good and weale of our Subjects in this particular, is likely to bee frustrated and of little effect. We doe therefore hereby once againe, lay our expresse charge and commandement vpon all the said chiefe Officers of our Cities, Borroughes, and Townes corporate of this our Realme of England, and Principallitie of Wales, that before the foure and twentieth day of June next, they doe without faile provide themselves of such waights and ballances with vpright graines and halfe graines, which we haue caused to bee marked and stricken with an L-Crowned, at the hands of the Master of our Mint, to be safely kept within euery such Citie, Borrough, and Towne corporate, according as in our former Proclamation it is ordered: And we straightly forbid all our Subjects and others whatsoeuer, to haue, or vse any other waights then as aforesaid for the said Coynes of Gold, remedies, or abatements, or any of them, as they will answere the contrary at their vttermost perill.

Giuen at Newmarket the seuenth day of February, in the seuenteenth yeere of our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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